

U.S. Application Serial No. 10/611,611
Attorney Docket: 70520-2046
Reply to Final Office Action of June 13, 2006

Amendments To The Drawings:

The attached substitute drawing sheets for FIGS. 1-10E have been redrafted to formalize the drawings, but have not been changed in any substantive manner and do not add any new matter.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

In a Final Office Action dated June 13, 2006, the Examiner (1) rejects Claims 22-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention; (2) rejects Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Arkawa et al. (U.S. 4,944,229); (3) rejects Claims 2-9, 11, and 22-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Arkawa et al. in view of Kyotani et al. (U.S. 5,839,567); and (4) indicates that Claim 10 is allowed. By this response, Applicants amends Claims 2, 9, 10, and 23-25, cancels Claims 1, 22, and 28, and adds new Claim 29. As all claims now depend from allowed Claim 10, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims are in a condition for allowance.

Applicants have amended Claim 10 to correct an antecedent basis problem. Applicants have amended Claims 2, 9, 23-25 to depend from allowed Claim 10. Applicants have also cancelled Claims 1, 22, and 28. New Claim 29 further defines that the controller is capable of steering the drive assembly. As all of the pending claims now depend from allowed Claim 10, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims are in a condition for allowance and respectfully request favorable consideration from the Examiner.

Finally, Applicants enclose herewith five (5) sheets of replacement drawings showing Figures 1-10E and request that the same be made of record in this application as a substitute for the original drawings. The attached replacement drawing sheets for FIGS. 1-10E have been redrafted to formalize the drawings, but have not been changed in any substantive manner and do not add any new matter. Reference numeral 60 as referenced in paragraph [0029] has been added to FIG. 8A.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that Applicants have responded in a fully satisfactory manner to all matters at issue in this Application, and that this Application is now in condition for allowance. In this regard, Applicants have made every effort to

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comply with the requirements set forth in the Final Office Action as well as the statutory requirements. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner allow the pending claims and pass the Application to issue. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 433-7231.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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